

**“Dear Ephesus: The Honeymoon Is Over”**  
**7 Letters – Part 1**  
Revelation 2:1-7  
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## Revelation Apocalypse

**Apocalypse means to reveal or to unveil.**

*“Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.”*  
Revelation 1:19 (NKJV)

### 4 COMPONENTS OF JESUS' LETTERS:

- **INTRODUCTION**
- **EVALUATION**
- **CHALLENGE**
- **PROMISE**

*“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, “These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: ‘I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.’”*

Revelation 2:1-7 (NKJV)

### 1. THE COMPLIMENTS OF CHRIST.

❖ **“You are fervent in your service.”**

*‘I know your works, your labor, your patience.’* Revelation 2:2a (NKJV)

❖ **“You are faithful in your suffering.”**

*‘I know your works, your labor, your patience...and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.’* Revelation 2:2a,b, 3 (NKJV)

❖ **“You are firm in your separation.”**

*‘...and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars...But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.’*  
Revelation 2:2c, 6 (NKJV)

## 2. THE CRITICISM OF CHRIST.

*'Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.'* Revelation 2:4 (NKJV)

### ❖ "Left" means to....

- Abandon
- Send Away
- Put A Distance

*"For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"* Hebrews 13:5b (NKJV)

### ❖ "First Love" means first in...

- Timing
- Importance

### ❖ 5 Signs You've Left Your "First Love"...

- Robotic service.
- Boredom with your quiet time.
- Justifying "small areas" of disobedience or compromise.
- Self-Righteousness.
- Broken Relationships.

## 3. THE CHALLENGE OF CHRIST.

*"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent."* Revelation 2:5 (NKJV)

### ❖ Recognition Requires...

- Remembering
- Repenting
- Returning